

Amendments to the Claims:

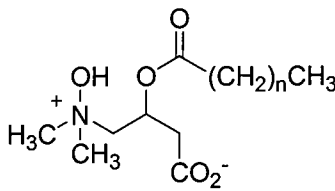
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method for treating a peripheral arterial disease in a mammal, said method comprising:

administering a therapeutically effective amount of a liposomal formulation of **a L-carnitine derivative, wherein said L-carnitine derivative is an alkyl-L-carnitine of formula**



wherein n is an integer selected from the group consisting of 0, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16, thereby treating a peripheral arterial disease in said mammal.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein said mammal is a human being.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein said disease or symptom is intermittent claudication.

11. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein said L-carnitine **derivative** is **selected from the group consisting of propionyl L-carnitine and acetyl L-carnitine.**